

The Watauga Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Court at Lenoir this week with Judge Hoke presiding.

—Mr. G. L. Bernhardt, of Lenoir, passed through town Friday.

—Buy your straw hat from Blackburn, he has the best and cheapest in town.

—Mr. J. A. Elliott, of Mt. City, Tenn., spent Monday night in town.

—Atty. E. S. Coffey and wife are visiting friends and relatives in Wilkes county.

—Rev. A. L. Stanford will preach in the Baptist church on next Sunday at 11, a. m.

—Reports say Jobile Eggers near Zionville is very low and will not recover. He has been sick a long time.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Moore of Statesville, are visiting friends and relatives in Watauga.

—We learn that an infant child of Alex. Hagaman on Cove Creek died Sunday night with whooping cough.

—Blackburn is still headquarters for shoes, clothing and dry goods, and in fact everything in General Merchandise.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nooe of Statesville, are spending a few days recreating in the mountains. They are stopping at W. D. Edmisten's on New River.

—Mrs. N. A. Jurney, of Olin, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, in Boone. She was accompanied by her son S. R. Jurney, who returned on Monday.

—Thomas Crosswhite, of Mountain City, Tenn., whom we reported last week as being dangerously shot, was in town this week looking well and hearty.

—Mr. W. D. Clarke, of Blowing Rock, has taken his wife to John Hopkin's Hospital at Baltimore, Md., for treatment. Mrs. Clarke has been quite ill for some time.

—Capt. E. W. Faucett, who has been teaching in Tenn., for several years, spent Monday night at the Coffey Hotel. He was on his way to Lenoir, where he will make his future home.

—Don't throw away good but faded garments. Remember with one hour's work and no muss, if you use Putnam Fadeless Dyes, you can make them new again. Sold by J. A. Edmisten, Blowing Rock.

—We are informed that the Quarterly Meeting at Fair View on Saturday and Sunday last was very interesting, and largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Gantt, in the absence of Elder Blair, presided over the meeting.

—Since our last issue we learn that there was an insurance of \$1,400 on the mill property of J. P. Council, which was destroyed by fire last week. The insurance it is thought, is something like half the worth of the property.

—The earthquake shock was so severe in Boone Monday that bricks were shaken from different chimneys in town. It is claimed by many that the shock was more terrific than the one of '86 which caused so much de-

struction in Charleston, S. C. Whether this be true or not, the shock was frightful.

—Rev. Mr. Sheerwood is a good farmer, as well as a good preacher. He bought 100 bushels of lime and has made a large compost heap with it, to use on his crop. The lime only cost him \$4.00 at the kiln, and others of our farmers would do well to follow his example, as lime is just what is needed for our lands.

Dots From Valle Crucis.

Editor Democrat:
Our people are looking forward to the reopening of school which will be the 8th, of June, and we certainly feel sure its going to have full attendance. Quite a good number of boarding pupils are expected, and we do know we have the right man in the right place.

Miss Annie Dobbin closed her school two weeks ago, which was quite a success. With her faithfulness and true and earnest efforts she has a warm place in the heart of every child that attended, and the community will miss her very much, but we hope she will return ere long.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention which was held at the Methodist Church 20th, to 23rd, of May, was considered by every one a grand success and we trust the ministers delegates and visiting friends enjoyed it as much as the people of our community. The Dedication Sermon on Sunday was something that will not be forgotten, by those who heard it. The P. E. Mr. Blair held his audience spell bound and we know those that were attentive went away greatly benefited.

The Mission house of the Episcopal Church is near completion, and will soon be occupied by Mrs. Vaughn, of Wisconsin, who is stopping at C. D. Taylor's awaiting the completion of the building. We are glad to welcome such people in our country and feel there is work for all God's people.

The new firm of Taylor and Mast is increasing their stock of goods and surely seem to be doing good business, which is a good help to our people as well as themselves. Success to them.

Our people are anxious to hear from the earth quake which was felt so strongly to-day. We feel there must be news from it.

A. J. Bairds funeral was preached at the Baird graveyard Sunday 30th. A large crowd was present.

Misses Stella and Essie Mast and Lelia McRay returned from Skyland where they attended the school for the last session.

Miss Flora Moore of Globe has been visiting friends and relatives at Valle Crucis for the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. McBee have been stopping at J. M. Shull's for the past month. They are very pleasant people indeed. AMICUS.

Tired, Nervous, Sleepless

Men and women—how grateful they write about Hood's Sarsaparilla. Once helpless and discouraged, having lost all faith in medicines, now in good health and "able to do my own work," because Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to enrich and purify the blood and make the weak strong—this is experience of a host of people.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable, sure.

Local Option Notice.

Editor Democrat:

Please allow me space in your paper to suggest to the friends of local option, in Meat Camp township, that we meet at Elk Knob Academy, Thursday June the 10, at 1, p. m., to arrange for the accommodation of those who may attend the Demorest Medal Contest. Public speaking, and Picnic, on the 11th, of June. Everybody is invited. Hope you will be there with your baskets well filled. Friends of local option outside of Meat Camp township, any aid you may see fit to give us, will be thankfully received.

JONT. H. BROWN.

The Raleigh Tribune. The Republican Organ died an untimely death a few days ago. Too much protection and not enough gold standard was perhaps the cause of its untimely demise. It was only a few months old and was a vigorous child and seemed to grow off firely with 4000 subscribers. Its parents being Republican employed too many wet nurses at an extravagant price. The big subscription list failed to send in the duats. One Republican said that most of the subscribers being Republicans could not read and lost interest in the paper. The concern was buried last week with appropriate ceremonies, but few mourners attended. The sheriff will sell the machinery to pay off the hands.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Holsclaw's and Blackburn's.

John Wannamaker, the ex-postmaster general of Harrison's administration, is talking out in meeting. John declares that the country is suffering with dry rot and that McKinley and the Republican party has been "weighed and found wanting." He tells the people in his addresses before the business men of Philadelphia and New York that the country is going to the bad, fast, under the present management; thinks a little more silver will help; wants a new party out of the business people of this country and wants them to act in much haste before the final collapse takes place. Wannamaker is right about the condition of our country and has a big interest in its prosperity.

Something to Know.

It is worth something know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c. or \$1.00 per bottle at Holsclaw's & Blackburn's.

The Sultan evinces a disposition to adopt Gen. Harrison's political plan of campaign, and become a "receptive candidate."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Was Very Nervous

Had Smothering Spells and Could Not Sleep—Doctors Called It Neuralgia and Indigestion.

"I had pains in my head, neck and shoulders and all through my body but they were most severe in my left side. The doctor called it neuralgia and indigestion. I was confined to my bed for eight months. I was very nervous, had smothering spells and could not sleep. I read of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and of a case similar to mine. My husband procured a bottle, and I began taking it. After taking one bottle I felt better, was able to rest and my appetite improved. I continued until my nervousness was cured and I was much better in every way. My husband has also been benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla." MARY S. STONE, Spainville, Virginia.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1.50 for \$5.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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MORETZ & FARTHING.

Come to See Me!

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Yes, the old year is gone and the new one is here, and I am still here and hope to merit your confidence and trade during the year 1897 by

Fair and honest deals.
I shall endeavor to keep on hand such goods as you all may need, and at as low prices as I can possibly sell the same.

I shall, during the year try to keep a better assortment of goods than ever before.

do not expect to KEEP "CHEAP JOHN SHODDY STUFF,"

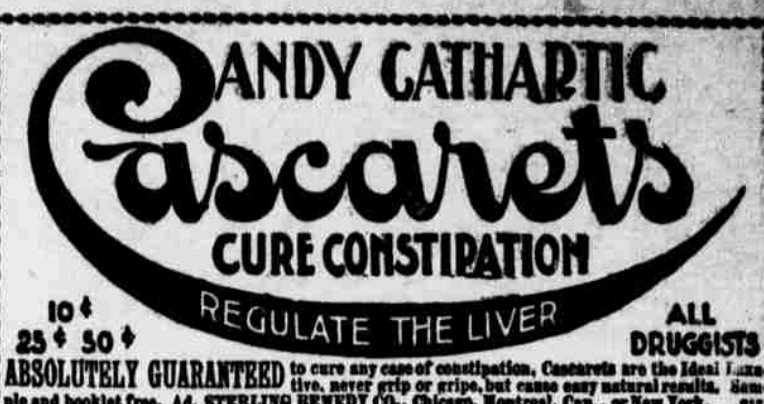
but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. I ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of

Coffee,
Sugar,
Rice,
Soda,
Spice,
etc.
Also domestic, jeans, al-
lance, calicoes, cashmeres,
flannels, fancy dress goods

AND SHOES
I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats, Ladies untrimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of **HARDWARE** as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage. Yours anxiously to please,
WILL W. HOLSCLAW.



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Do you expect to buy any goods while here?

If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

DRY GOODS,

NOTIONS, AND

CLOTHING.

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very Respectfully,

M. B. BLACKBURN.

April 21.

THE FARMERS MUTUAL Fire, Wind and Lightning Association.

Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now nearing the \$200,000 mark of stock subscribed. A company of the people for the people and by the people, cheaper than the cheapest and safer than the safest. Fair and honorable adjustment without law suits. W. H. Calloway, Pres't. W. L. Bryan, Treas. Supervisors, A. J. Critcher, Jeremiah Harrison, W. C. L. Hulcher, N. L. Mast, H. H. Farthing, W. H. Hardin, J. M. Shull, L. D. Lowe and A. J. Moretz.

HE'S HAPPY, YOU BET.

From the Greensboro Record.

About the happiest man in attendance upon the closing hours of the Legislature was Jesse F. Hoskins.

He has been working to get passed a bill exempting the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. from taxation. He thought it was secure and left last week, but had to return to look after it. However it is now a law and Jesse comes in under the wire in fine shape. The Legislature places the Farmers Mutual on a level with the other benevolent societies like the Odd Fellows, Masons, etc.

He has a right to feel proud for unquestionably all doubt of the various associations he has with so much hard labor established in the West not being here to stay are eliminated. The excitement over the vote in the Senate Saturday night was but little less than that in the House over the ease bill.

Our countryman has achieved a State reputation for tenacity of purpose determination and success in carrying to a successful termination what he believes to be right. He deserves success and should be congratulated and thanked by all of his farmer friends.

The Duke and the Farmers Mutual.

From the Twin City Daily.

Jesse F. Hoskins passed up the Wilkesboro road this morning spreading the good news among the various branch Associations of the "Farmers Mutual" of the valuable legislation he has secured for them. He says the grand principle of his insurance is now legalized, which is as old as time itself, when the Great Law-Giver said: Bear ye one another's burdens, and "not a wave of trouble now rolls o'er his peaceful breast." Mr. Hoskins manages these Associations with credit to himself and a benefit to the farming class, to which he belongs.

Mr. Hoskins, the General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, says that the Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now approaching closely the \$300,000 mark, and that this Branch taken all in all, would before mid-summer be the ideal one in the State; that the class of stock-holders, as appears by the list, averages up better. [—DEMOCRAT.]

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